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**"STEVE ADAMS—
BADMAN!"**



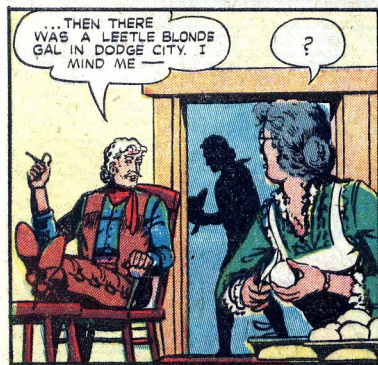
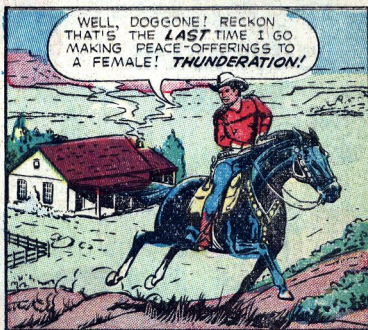
ON A LAZY AFTERNOON AT THE BROKEN BOW RANCH, A PAIR OF HANDMADE BOOTS TIPTOES ACROSS THE PLANKING OF THE LIVING ROOM FLOOR...

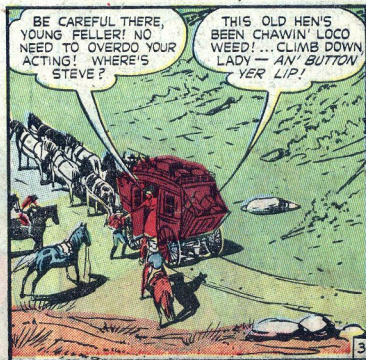
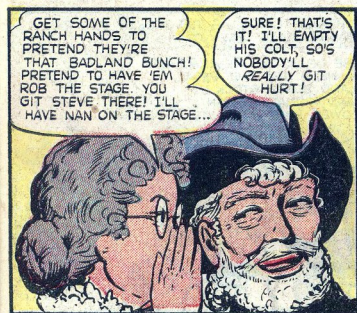
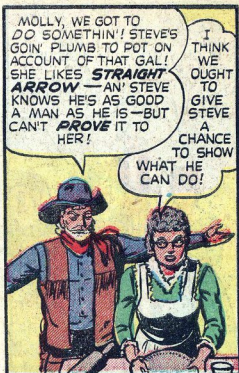


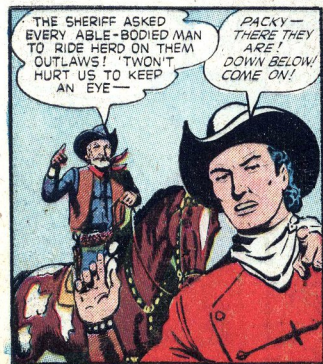
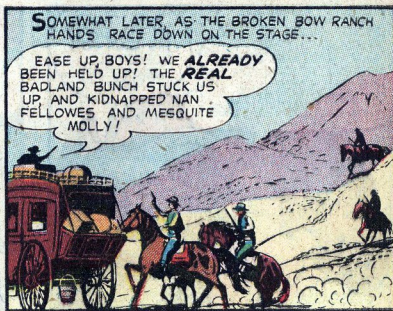
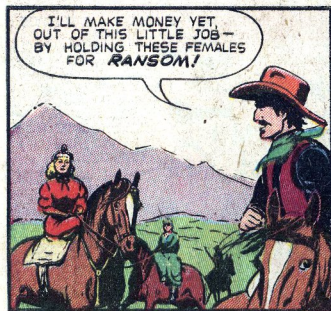
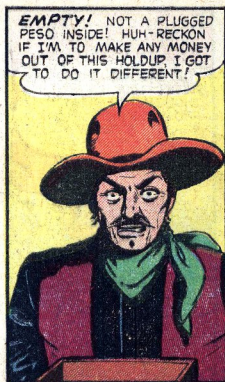
HEE-HEE! STEVE'S A-GOIN' A-COURTIN'! DOGGONE FUNNIEST THING I EVER SEED! HEE-HEE!

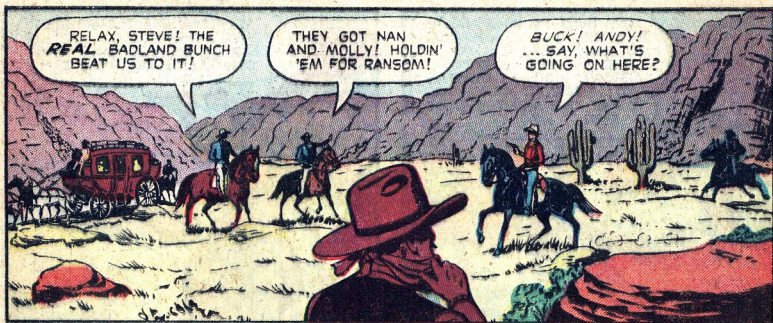
SHUSH, THERE, PACKY MCCLLOUD! THE LAD'S JUST BEING NEIGHBORLY TO NAN FELLOWES. WEREN'T **YOU** YOUNG ONCE?







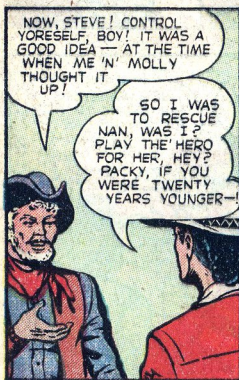




RELAX, STEVE! THE **REAL** BADLAND BUNCH BEAT US TO IT!

THEY GOT NAN AND MOLLY! HOLDIN' 'EM FOR RANSOM!

BUCK! ANDY!
... SAY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

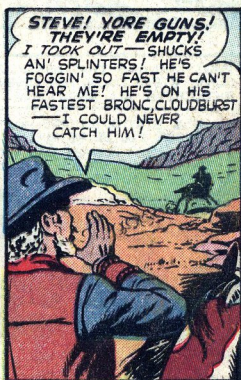


NOW, STEVE! CONTROL YOURSELF, BOY! IT WAS A GOOD IDEA — AT THE TIME WHEN ME 'N' MOLLY THOUGHT IT UP!

SO I WAS TO RESCUE NAN, WAS I? PLAY THE HERO FOR HER, HEY? PACKY, IF YOU WERE TWENTY YEARS YOUNGER—



NO SENSE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK! THING TO DO IS HIT OUT AFTER THOSE BADHATS — AND GET THE GIRLS AWAY FROM 'EM! PACKY, GO GET THE REST OF OUR OUTFIT, AND THE HATCHET BOYS! BLAZE DAYLIGHT!



STEVE! YORE GUNS! THEY'RE EMPTY!
I TOOK OUT — SHUCKS AN' SPLINTERS! HE'S FOGGIN' SO FAST HE CAN'T HEAR ME! HE'S ON HIS FASTEST BRONC, CLOUDBURST — I COULD NEVER CATCH HIM!



BEST THING I CAN DO IN THE MOOD HE'S IN IS TO ROUND UP THE BOYS *MUY PRONTO* — AND FOLLOW HIM!



AT A FAST GALLOP STEVE MOVES ALONG THE NEEDLE GAP TRAIL, THEN CUTS OFF WHERE THE GROUND IS CHOPPED BY THUNDERING HOOF.

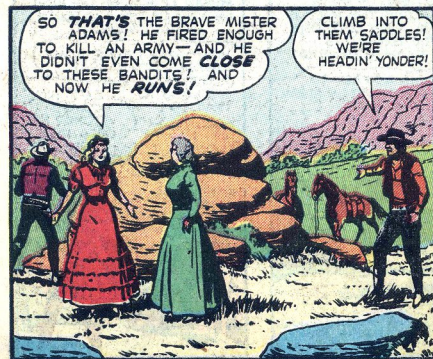
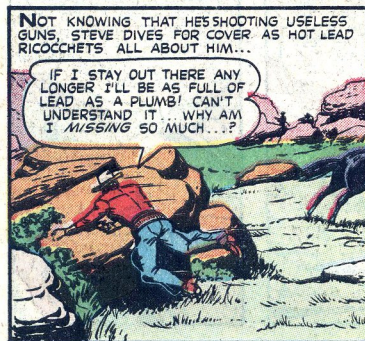
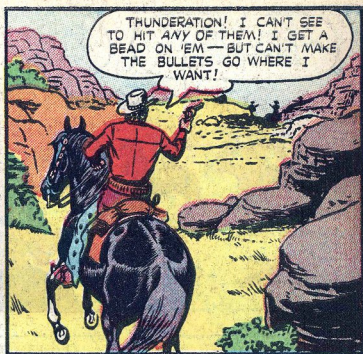
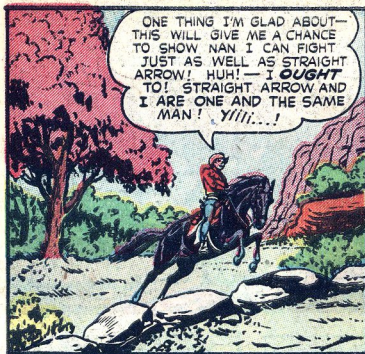
THIS TRAIL IS AS EASY TO FOLLOW AS A MOUNTAIN STREAM! WON'T BE LONG BEFORE I CATCH UP TO THEM!



AHEAD OF HIM, ON THE HIGH GROUND OF THE SAWTOOTH MOUNTAINS...

HUH — HERE COMES SOME COWPOKE NOW! SURE DIDN'T TAKE HIM LONG TO TRAIL US!

LET HIM COME!
SOONER HE GETS HERE — THE SOONER HE **DIES...**





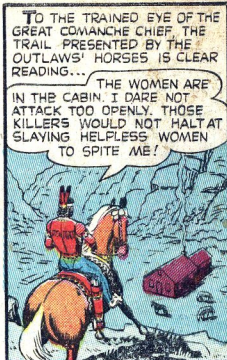
DEEP IN THE HIDDEN CAVE STANDS A GREAT GOLDEN PALOMINO! COMANCHE WEAPONS AND GARB HANG ON THE GOLDEN WALLS...

EASY, BIG HORSE — IT IS I STRAIGHT ARROW!



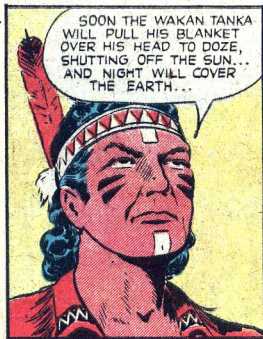
WE RIDE TO SAVE MESQUITE MOLLY AND NAN FELLOWES!

KANEEWAH, FURY! KANEEWAH!

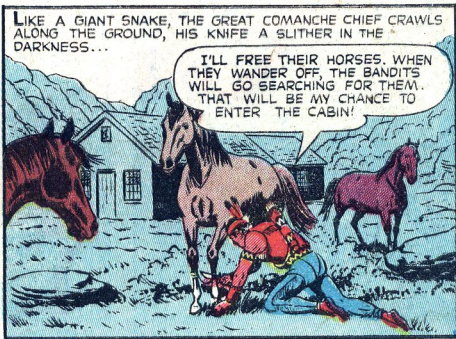


TO THE TRAINED EYE OF THE GREAT COMANCHE CHIEF, THE TRAIL PRESENTED BY THE OUTLAWS' HORSES IS CLEAR READING...

THE WOMEN ARE IN THE CABIN. I DARE NOT ATTACK TOO OPENLY. THOSE KILLERS WOULD NOT HALT AT SLAYING HELPLESS WOMEN TO SPITE ME!

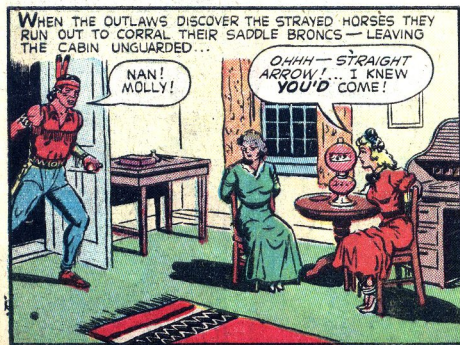


SOON THE WAKAN TANKA WILL PULL HIS BLANKET OVER HIS HEAD TO DOZE, SHUTTING OFF THE SUN... AND NIGHT WILL COVER THE EARTH...



LIKE A GIANT SNAKE, THE GREAT COMANCHE CHIEF CRAWLS ALONG THE GROUND, HIS KNIFE A SLITHER IN THE DARKNESS...

I'LL FREE THEIR HORSES. WHEN THEY WANDER OFF, THE BANDITS WILL GO SEARCHING FOR THEM. THAT WILL BE MY CHANCE TO ENTER THE CABIN!



WHEN THE OUTLAWS DISCOVER THE STRAYED HORSES THEY RUN OUT TO CORRAL THEIR SADDLE BRONCS — LEAVING THE CABIN UNGUARDED...

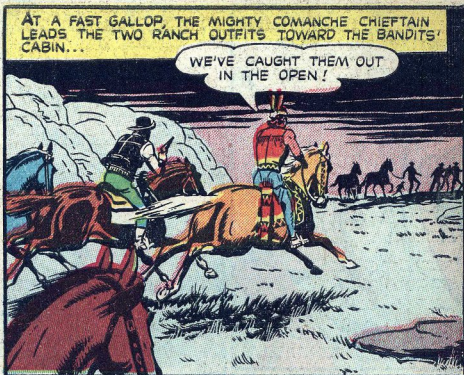
NAN! MOLLY!

OH— STRAIGHT ARROW!... I KNEW YOU'D COME!

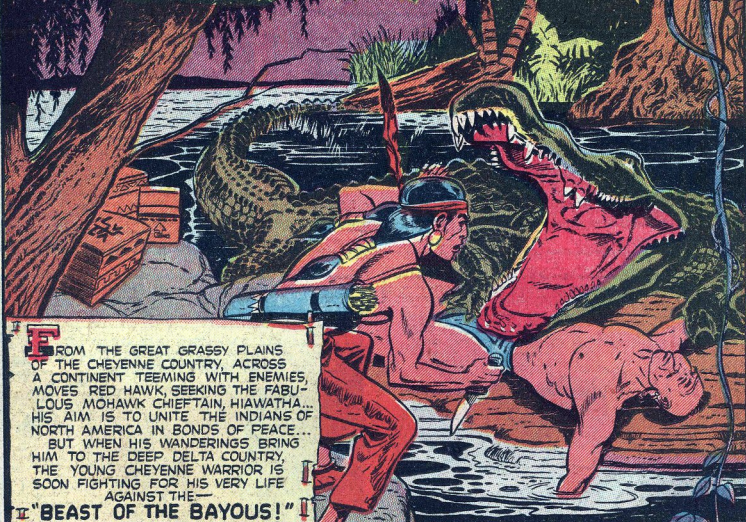


A SLASH OF HIS HUNTING KNIFE, AND—

THEY'LL BE SOME TIME ROUNDING UP THEIR HORSES — TIME ENOUGH FOR US TO GET AWAY!



RED HAWK



FROM THE GREAT GRASSY PLAINS OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTRY, ACROSS A CONTINENT TEEMING WITH ENEMIES, MOVES RED HAWK, SEEKING THE FABULOUS MOHAWK CHIEFTAIN, HIAWATHA... HIS AIM IS TO UNITE THE INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA IN BONDS OF PEACE... BUT WHEN HIS WANDERINGS BRING HIM TO THE DEEP DELTA COUNTRY, THE YOUNG CHEYENNE WARRIOR IS SOON FIGHTING FOR HIS VERY LIFE AGAINST THE—

"BEAST OF THE BAYOUS!"

OVER THE GLOWING CAMPFIRES OF THE CHEYENNES, HO-DA-SEE, THE HOLY MAN, MAKES THE FAREWELL SPEECH...

TAKE THIS BEADED BELT TO HIAWATHA! TELL HIM THE PLAINS INDIANS WILL JOIN HIS PEACE TOTEM!



EDITOR'S NOTE: HIAWATHA, (ABOUT WHOM LONGFELLOW WROTE HIS FAMOUS POEM) WAS A REAL MOHAWK WHO ORGANIZED THE IROQUOIS INTO THE FIVE NATIONS.

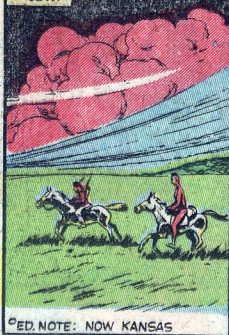
THERE ARE WET EYES IN SOME CHEYENNE TEEpees. AS RED HAWK AND BIG FOOT GALLOP OFF ON THEIR GREAT QUEST...

WE'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!

HE WAS SO M-MUCH FUN!



THROUGH THE ROLLING COUNTRY OF THE KAWS RED HAWK AND BIGFOOT MAINTAIN A SWIFT PACE...



ED. NOTE: NOW KANSAS

EASTWARD, EVER EASTWARD THEY RIDE. ONE DAY THEY COME TO A GREAT STRETCH OF WATER MORE WATER THAN RED HAWK HAS EVER SEEN!

AYOKA! THIS MUST BE THE GREAT RIVER OF WHICH HO-DA-SEE SPOKE! TURN THE PONIES LOOSE! NOW WE CAN GO BY WATER!!



ED. NOTE: THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

HO-DA-SEE TOLD US HOW TO BUILD AND USE THIS RAFT! COME ON, BIGFOOT—HERE WE GO!

HUH! I'D RATHER RIDE A WILD HORSE THAN THIS THING...!



THE LITTLE RAFT IS CAUGHT BY THE SWIFT CURRENT...

I D-DON'T LIKE THIS! I C-CAN'T SWIM!

NEITHER CAN I—BUT WE CAN'T REACH THE COUNTRY OF THE FIVE NATIONS WITHOUT CROSSING THIS WATER!



BORNE STEADILY SOUTHWARD, THE TRAVELLERS COME AT LAST TO DEEP DELTA COUNTRY, WHERE A THICK FOG ROLLS IN OFF THE GULF...

MAMBA TUA—TWO MEN RISING UP OUT OF THE FOG!... JUST AS OCHA TOYE, THE GREAT PROPHET, FORETOLD!

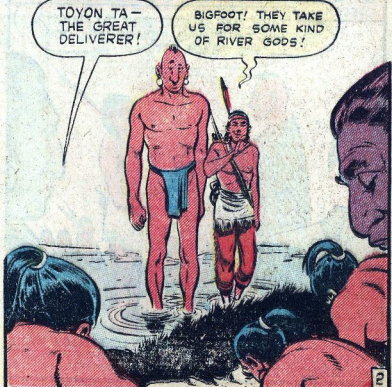


THE DELIVERER HAS COME! HE WHOM OCHA TOYE SAID WOULD REGAIN THE SACRED SYMBOLS!



TOYON TA—THE GREAT DELIVERER!

BIGFOOT! THEY TAKE US FOR SOME KIND OF RIVER GODS!



THESE INDIANS ARE MEMBERS OF THE CREEK CONFEDERACY, A POWERFUL UNIT OF TRIBES LIKE THE MUSKOGEEES AND ALABAMAS, WHOSE EASTWARD WANDERINGS WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE THEM INTO GEORGIA AND THE CAROLINAS. THEY LIVE IN THATCH-ROOFED HOUSES IN WALLED TOWNS...

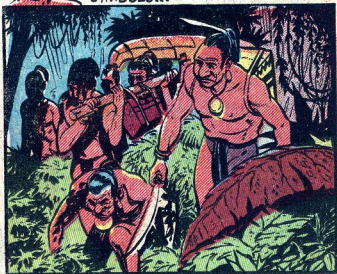


YOU ARE TOYON TA— HE WHO IS TO COME AMONG US FROM THE FOG! THE MAN OUR FROPHETS HAVE PREDICTED WOULD COME TO US AND BRING THE SACRED SYMBOLS OF POWER!

BUT—

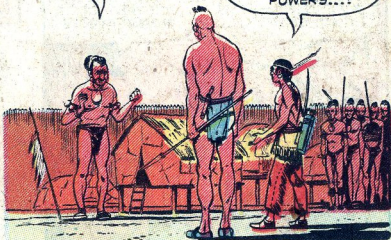


"MANY MOONS AGO, A RENEGADE BRANCH OF OUR PEOPLE FLED INTO THE GREAT BAYOUS, TAKING WITH THEM OUR SACRED MEDICINE SYMBOLS..."

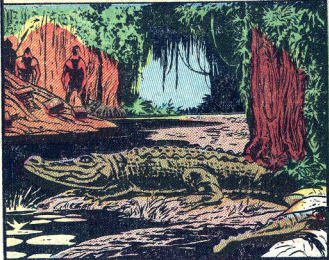


GO INTO THE BAYOUS! MEET AND KILL THE MICCO ILEX! BRING BACK OUR SACRED SYMBOLS!

BUT I COME ON A MISSION OF PEACE! IF-IF I DO MANAGE TO GET YOUR SACRED POWERS....?

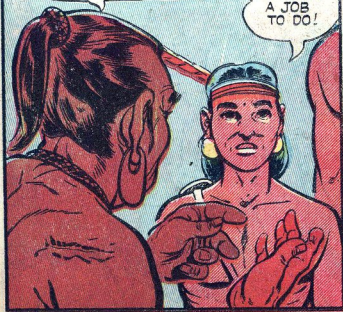


"HERE, IN THE HEART OF THE WATERY BAYOUS, THEY HID THE SACRED SYMBOLS. OVER THEM THEY SET THE MICCO ILEX, KING OF ALL EVIL THINGS..."



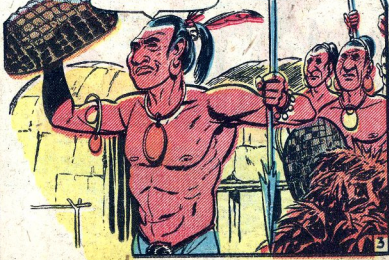
BRING US OUR SACRED MEDICINE AND WE WILL JOIN YOUR PEACE CLAN!

COME ON, THEN, BIGFOOT! WE HAVE A JOB TO DO!



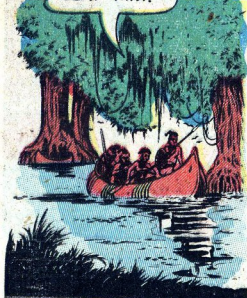
ONE MAN AMONG THE CREEKS—OCHE SEPE, GREAT WAR CHIEF, SCOWLS BLACKLY AT WHAT HE HEARS...

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO **ME** WHEN THE CREEKS JOIN THAT PEACE CLAN? I AM A **WAR CHIEF**— NOT A MAN OF PEACE! HE MUST NOT FIND THE MICCO ILEX!



NEXT DAY AT DAWN, OCHE SEPE LEADS A FLIGHT OF WAR CANOES INTO THE BAYOUS...

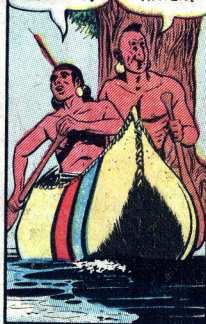
WHEN TOYON TA COMES HERE, WE WILL MEET AND—
SLAY HIM!



BEHIND THEM—

HAI— THIS IS STRANGE COUNTRY!

NO LAND— ONLY WATER!



SUDDENLY—

WHAT— ?

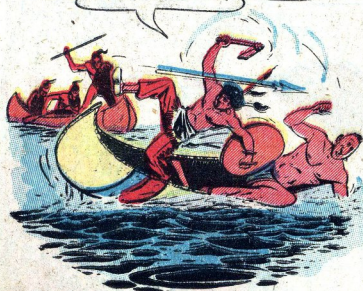


SOME OF THE CREEKS! OCHE SEPE— THE WAR CHIEF!

LOOKS LIKE SOME OF THEM DON'T WANT PEACE!

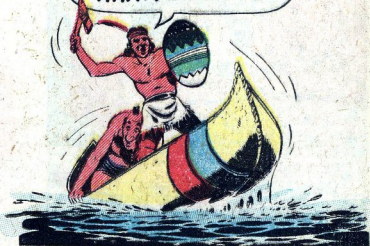


HAI— THIS CANOE IS WORSE THAN AN UNBROKEN PONY! IT SLIDES OUT FROM UNDER ME!



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, A CHEYENNE WAR CRY RINGS OUT ABOVE THE BAYOU WATERS...

AAAYYAAAHHHA!



NOW WE HAVE THEM HELPLESS—

STAB THEM AS WE WOULD A FISH!



BIGFOOT! GRAB A WEAPON!
WE CAN'T FIGHT 'EM ALL—BUT
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE
A RUN FOR IT!



THIS IS FUN! NO! ALMOST
AS MUCH FUN AS FIGHTING
THE SIOUX!



SUDDENLY A CREEK WARRIOR SCREAMS
IN TERROR...

AAAAGGGHHH—ALLIGATORS!



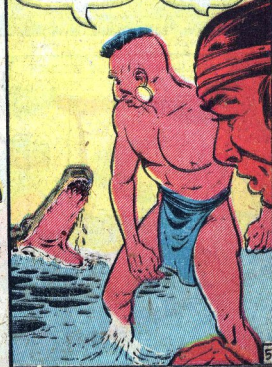
CHEEKS PALE WITH FRIGHT, THE
CREEKS TURN AND SEND THEIR
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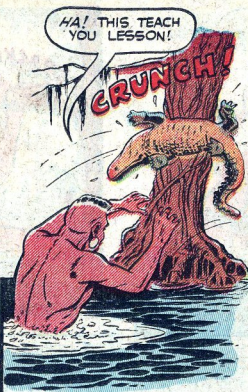
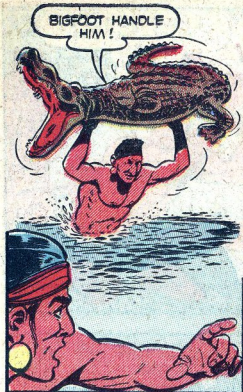
BIGFOOT—
WATCH OUT—
BEHIND YOU!



HU! BIG GILA
MONSTER—!

LOOK
OUT!



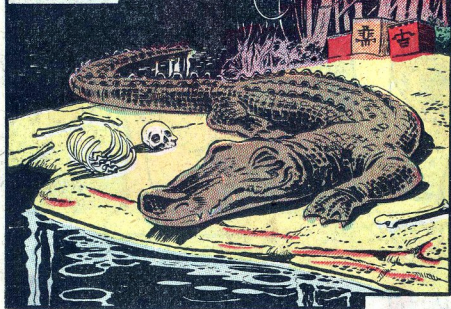


MOVING SWIFTLY THROUGH THE BAYOU WATERS, RED HAWK AND BIGFOOT RACE RAPIDLY AWAY FROM THE ALLIGATOR-INFESTED SWAMPLAND...

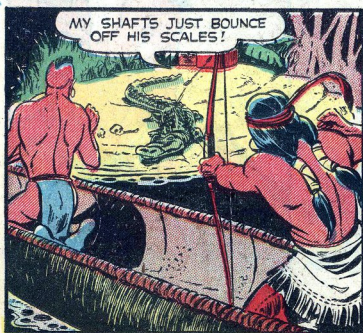
WELL, AT LEAST WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE CREEKS ANY MORE!



FAR AHEAD, ON A SUN-BAKED STRETCH OF FLAT RIVER ROCK, LIES THE MICCO ILEX, KING OF ALL EVIL THINGS—A GIGANTIC ALLIGATOR!



HOYA DA! THE MICCO ILEX—THE FATHER OF ALL ALLIGATORS! A GIANT!



THE GREAT JAWS OPEN AND CRUNCH SHUT!

ALMOST—HAD ME!

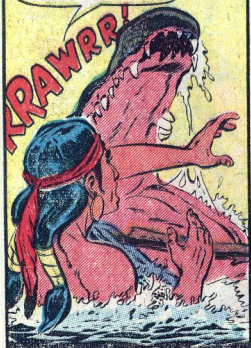


RED HAWK GOES DOWN, FLAILING AT EMPTY AIR! AND THE FANGED JAWS OF THE HUGE ALLIGATOR SLASH FOR HIM...

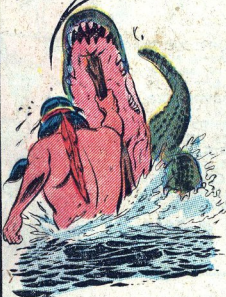


WITH A LAST DESPAIRING THRUST, RED HAWK LUNGES FORWARD...

CAN'T—GET A FOOTHOLD—WATER TOO DEEP...!



MADE IT! WITH THAT THING IN HIS MOUTH, HE CAN'T POSSIBLY CLOSE THOSE JAWS!



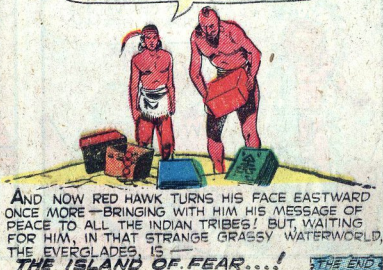
COME ON! WITH OUR FEET ON SOLID ROCK, WE CAN FINISH OFF THAT BEAST—THEN RETURN TO THE CREEK VILLAGE WITH THEIR SACRED SYMBOLS!



THAT TAKES CARE OF HIM...



THE SACRED SYMBOLS! HU! WHEN WE RETURN THESE, OCHE SEPE WILL BE PUNISHED, AND THE CREEKS WILL JOIN THE PEACE CONFEDERACY!



AND NOW RED HAWK TURNS HIS FACE EASTWARD ONCE MORE—BRINGING WITH HIM HIS MESSAGE OF PEACE TO ALL THE INDIAN TRIBES! BUT, WAITING FOR HIM, IN THAT STRANGE GRASSY WATERWORLD, THE EVERGLADES, IS—
THE ISLAND OF FEAR...!

THE END

STRAIGHT ARROW



LOUD CALF WAS CHIEF OF THE ANTELOPE BAND OF THE COMANCHE NATION. BUT UNLIKE MOST CHIEFS, **LOUD CALF** WAS A **POOR** INDIAN! HE HAD NO FAT PONIES, HIS TEPEES DID NOT BULGE WITH THE BRIGHT THINGS THE TRADERS BROUGHT FROM TAOS!

AND WHEN **LOUD CALF** DECIDED TO BEARD THE **WAKAN TANKA** AND WRITE RICHES INTO HIS OWN DESTINY, HIS BLUNDERING ATTEMPTS SERVED ONLY TO MAKE HIM BOTH THE LAUGHING STOCK AND THE MOST ACCUSED MAN IN COMANCHERIA! ONLY **STRAIGHT ARROW** BELIEVED THAT A GOOD TURN WAS BOUND TO COME IN...

"The Luck of Loud Calf!"

LOUD CALF AND HIS PEOPLE WORE SMALL BELTS, FOR HUNGER KEPT THEM LEAN AND NARROW...

HU! EVEN THE DOGS ARE HUNGRY!

AND WHY NOT? THAT BONE CAME FROM THE LAST DEER BROUGHT INTO OUR VILLAGE—OVER A WEEK AGO!



THE BOWSTRINGS OF HIS HUNTERS TWANGED USELESSLY—EVEN THE GAME ANIMALS SEEMED TO SCORN THEM!

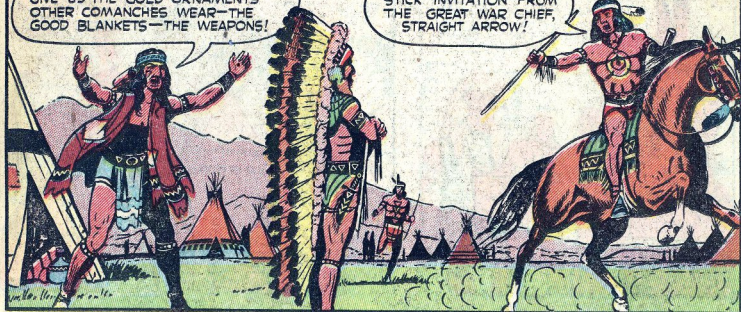
LOUD CALF, YOU CALL YOURSELF A **CHIEF**? LOOK—YOUR HUNTERS ARE HELPLESS AS BABIES TO CATCH FOOD!



AND THEN, AS BARKING TREE BEMOANED THE FATE THAT MADE HIM SUBJECT TO SUCH A CHIEF...

WE ARE **POOR!** WE **STARVE!**
GIVE US THE GOLD ORNAMENTS
OTHER COMANCHES WEAR—THE
GOOD BLANKETS—THE WEAPONS!

HA! — A NOTCHED
STICK INVITATION FROM
THE GREAT WAR CHIEF,
STRAIGHT ARROW!



SIGH! IF
ONLY OUR
HORSES WERE
FAT AND
SWIFT LIKE
THIS ONE!

WE ARE
SUMMONED
TO A GREAT
COUNCIL,
WHERE ALL THE
COMANCHE
NATION IS TO
MEET!



AI, THIS WAS LOUD CALF'S
MISTAKE—TO BRING HIS
PEOPLE TO THE GREAT
COUNCIL! YET HE COULD
NOT REFUSE, FOR EVEN
"POOR RELATIONS" MUST
HELP TO MAKE THE LAWS
OF THE TRIBE...

LOUD CALF
—AND HIS
SCARECROWS!

HU! I
CAN SEE
THEIR RIBS,
EVEN FROM
HERE!



IN THE DEBATES OF THE CHIEFS, IN
THE GREAT LODGE, LOUD
CALF SAT IN THE CORNER, SO THAT
NONE COULD SEE THE PATCHES ON
HIS GARMENTS...

I MUST BE A VERY BAD
CHIEF! ALL OTHER COMANCHES
ARE RICH IN SKIN SHIRTS
AND LEGGINS! BUT
PERHAPS...IN THE GAMES
TOMORROW...MY MEN
CAN SHOW THEIR ABILITY..!



BUT UNDERNOURISHED WARRIORS ARE NO
MATCH FOR WELL-FED BRAVES!

HU! I SHIVER
FOR HIM!



FIRST AND FOREMOST IN THE WRESTLING AND
THE FOOT RACES IS THE MIGHTY WAR CHIEF—
STRAIGHT ARROW!

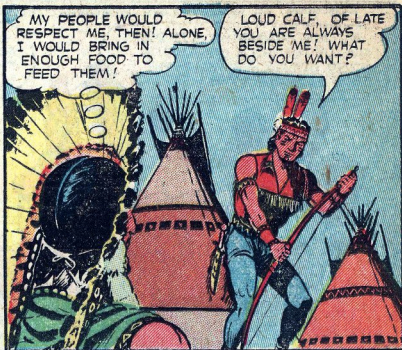
AI! IF ONLY I WERE
BRAVE AND STRONG
AS **HE!**





BREAD, LOUD CALF! GET US BREAD AND MEAT!

IF I HAD HIS STRENGTH, HIS SPEED, I WOULD NOT NEED TO LISTEN TO THE WAILS AND PLAINTS FROM MY PEOPLE...



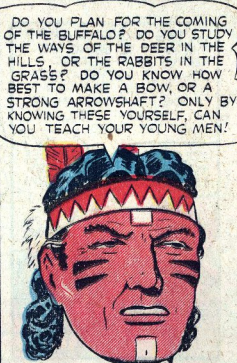
MY PEOPLE WOULD RESPECT ME, THEN! ALONE, I WOULD BRING IN ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED THEM!

LOUD CALF, OF LATE YOU ARE ALWAYS BESIDE ME! WHAT DO YOU WANT?



TEACH ME TO BE STRONG AND BRAVE, AND—AND ALL YOU ARE! I WANT TO BE A GOOD CHIEF— BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW! NO-BODY RESPECTS ME! THEY'RE ALWAYS WAILING AND GRUMBLING!

HMMM... DO YOU DO ANYTHING TO MAKE THEM RESPECT YOU?



DO YOU PLAN FOR THE COMING OF THE BUFFALO? DO YOU STUDY THE WAYS OF THE DEER IN THE HILLS, OR THE RABBITS IN THE GRASS? DO YOU KNOW HOW BEST TO MAKE A BOW, OR A STRONG ARROWSHAFT? ONLY BY KNOWING THESE YOURSELF, CAN YOU TEACH YOUR YOUNG MEN!



I'LL DO WHAT YOU SAY, STRAIGHT ARROW! I'LL BE A GOOD CHIEF. I'LL BE A GREAT CHIEF!

IF EVER I CAN HELP YOU, LET ME KNOW!



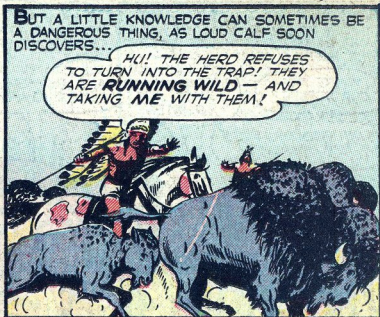
AND SO LOUD CALF AND HIS STARVING SCARECROWS, RETURNED TO THEIR STAMPEING GROUNDS, BUT NOW THERE WAS A NEW LOOK ABOUT THEIR CHIEF!

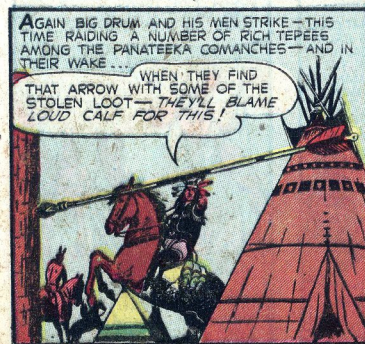
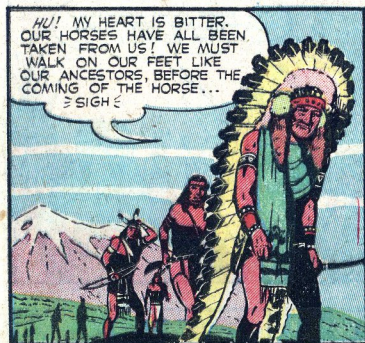
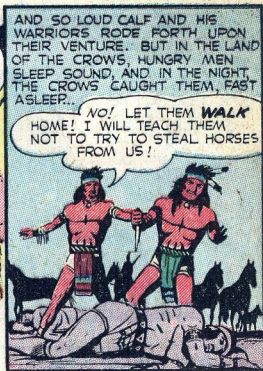
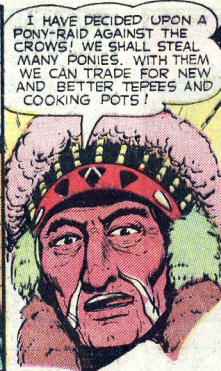
WE WILL HAVE A BUFFALO HUNT! WE SHALL SLAY MANY BUFFALO! ALL OTHER TRIBES WILL BE FORCED TO TRADE WITH US FOR MEAT AND HIDES, AND WE SHALL GROW RICH!

IT SOUNDS GOOD, BUT—



ALWAYS YOU MAKE LITTLE OF YOUR CHIEF, BARKING TREE! BEWARE LEST MY ANGER KNOWS NO LIMIT! NOW, GET YOUR PONY! WE GO TO HUNT THE BUFFALO!





THUS IT IS, THAT AS LOUD CALF RETURNS WITH HIS MEN FROM THE CROW COUNTRY...

SPOTTED HORSE SENDS FOR YOU! YOU ARE TO COME WITH US — NOW!

PAH—MORE TROUBLE!

BIG DRUM, HIMSELF, LEADS THE ACCUSERS...

HE MUST BE PUNISHED! BANISH HIM FROM OUR PEOPLE!

BUT I AM INNOCENT! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!

INNOCENT? HE IS A POOR CHIEF! HE LEADS THE BUFFALO HERD TO TRAMPLE HIS OWN TEEpees! HE GOES TO STEAL THE CROW PONIES AND LETS THE CROWS STEAL HIS! THEN HE TURNS TO HIS COMANCHE BROTHERS TO ROB THEM!

UPLIFTED BLANKETS HIDE SMILES AT THE RECITATION OF LOUD CALF'S FAILURES. AND THEN STRAIGHT ARROW RISES...

I BELIEVE IN HIS INNOCENCE! I WILL GO BOND FOR HIM — KNOWING THAT IF THEFT IS PROVEN AGAINST HIM, I FORFEIT MY OWN WEALTH, TO PAY HIS DEBT!

AFTER THE TINY WHITE PEBBLES ARE TOSSED IN A BLANKET — FREEING LOUD CALF ON STRAIGHT ARROW'S WORD...

SOMEONE IS COMMITTING THESE CRIMES, AND BLAMING YOU FOR THEM! WE MUST CATCH THE THIEF — AND I CAN, WITH YOUR HELP!

WHAT MUST I DO?

YOU MUST RIDE TO THE HIGH RIDGES, TO FAST AND MAKE SACRIFICE TO THE WAKAN TANKA! AND BE SURE TO LET BIG DRUM SEE YOU AS YOU RIDE OUT!

THERE HE GOES, THE FOOL! DRESSED IN STRAIGHT ARROW'S CLOTHES, WITH BORROWED WEAPONS AND PONY! THIS IS EVEN BETTER THAN I HAD HOPED!

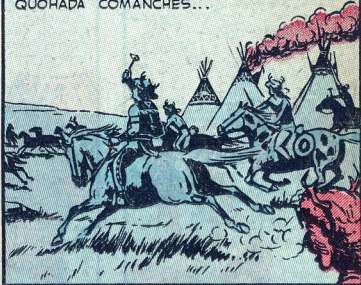
NEXT DAY, BIG DRUM WATCHES THE DISTANT LOUD CALF AS HE SILENTLY PRAYS BEFORE HIS SACRIFICIAL FIRE...

LOOK AT THE IDIOT! WHAT MEDICINE CAN HE HOPE TO GET THAT WILL HELP HIM?

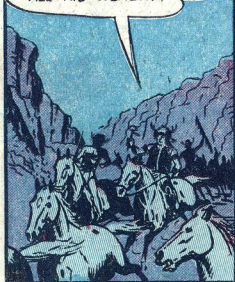
BUT WITH HIM OUT OF THE WAY, **YOUR** MEDICINE IS STRONG, BIG DRUM!



THAT NIGHT, WITH HIS FOLLOWERS PAINTED TO RESEMBLE LOUD CALF'S ANTELOPE BAND WARRIORS, BIG DRUM MAKES A RAID ON THE QUOHADA COMANCHES...



THEY WILL SEE OUR PAINT AND MARKINGS—AND BELIEVE US TO BE LOUD CALF AND HIS MEN! HAI, THIS WILL COST STRAIGHT ARROW ALL HIS WEALTH!



BUT AT THAT MOMENT, MANY MILES AWAY...

BIG DRUM HAS NIBBLED THE BAIT! HE THINKS THAT DUMMY FIGURE YOU ARRANGED IS YOU, AND IS STEALING QUOHADA COMANCHE PONIES!

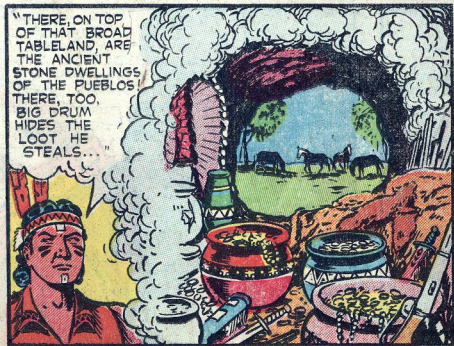
AND BLAMING HIS THEFTS ON **ME?**



BIG DRUM ACCUSED YOU TOO LOUDLY! SINCE HE HAD LOST NOTHING BY YOUR SUPPOSED RAIDS—IT LOOKED SUSPICIOUS! I TRAILED HIM TO YONDER MESA...



"THERE, ON TOP OF THAT BROAD TABLELAND, ARE THE ANCIENT STONE DWELLINGS OF THE PUEBLOS! THERE, TOO, BIG DRUM HIDES THE LOOT HE STEALS..."

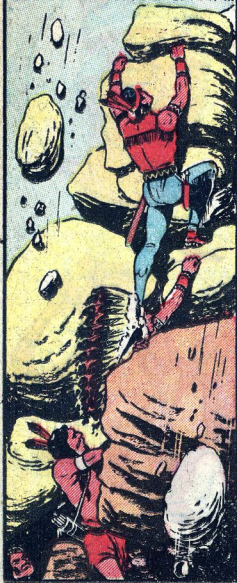


ON TOP OF THE MESALAND, BIG DRUM WATCHED WITH BULGING EYES THE APPROACH OF STRAIGHT ARROW AND THE ANTELOPE WARRIORS...

HE GAVE THEM NEW WEAPONS—NEW PONIES! HE'S BRINGING THEM HERE — TO GET ME!



HIS FEET AND HANDS CLINGING TO HOLDS THAT WOULD Baffle AN EAGLE, STRAIGHT ARROW LEADS HIS WARRIORS UPWARD...



WITH CLUB AND FIST, THE MIGHTY COMANCHE WAR CHIEF CLEARS THE CLIFF AND HOLDS IT —

CLIMB QUICKLY, MY ANTELOPE BROTHERS! BIG DRUM AND HIS FOLLOWERS NEED A GOOD BEATING!



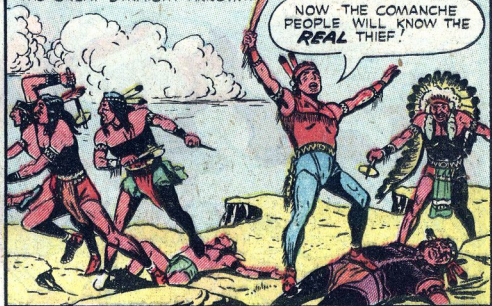
HO, BIG DRUM! I FIGHT YOU! THE WINNER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE THE OTHER WAS RIGHT — AND TAKE HIS PUNISHMENT!

STRAIGHT ARROW!



A MOMENT LATER — FOR BIG DRUM IS NO MATCH FOR THE GREAT STRAIGHT ARROW...

NOW THE COMANCHE PEOPLE WILL KNOW THE **REAL** THIEF!



AND SO LOUD CALF RETURNS IN HONOR TO HIS PEOPLE — AND NOW THEIR TEPEES BEGIN TO FILL WITH FOOD AND ROBES...

AHA! MY HUNTERS BRING IN MEAT AND SKIN!

BUT WE COULD USE SOME GOLD AND SILVER ORNAMENTS! AND FEATHERED ROBES! IF WE RAIDED THE NAVAHOES, NOW...



WAIT HERE JUST A MOMENT, MY FRIEND! YOU ARE ONE WHO, IF GIVEN THE **MOON** WOULD WANT THE **STARS** TOO —

WAIT HERE? YOU HAVE A PRESENT FOR ME?



A PRESENT, YES! I'M **GIVING** YOU THE STARS AS WELL!



THE END

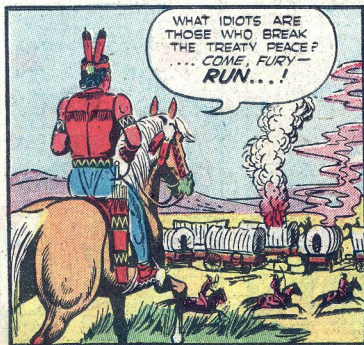
STRAIGHT ARROW

WHEN GREY DOG'S MARAUDING RENEGADES STRUCK MATT WHEELER'S WAGON TRAIN AT DAWN, THEY STARTED A VIOLENT CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT BROUGHT **STRAIGHT ARROW** TO THE RAZOR EDGE OF DOOM AND MADE HIM UNDERGO A DESPERATE

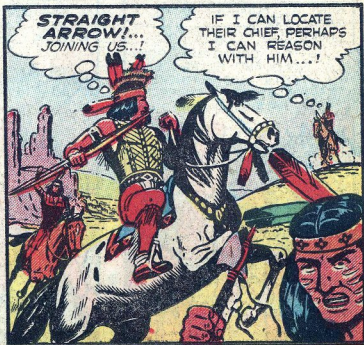
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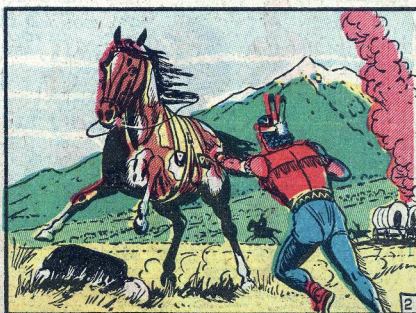
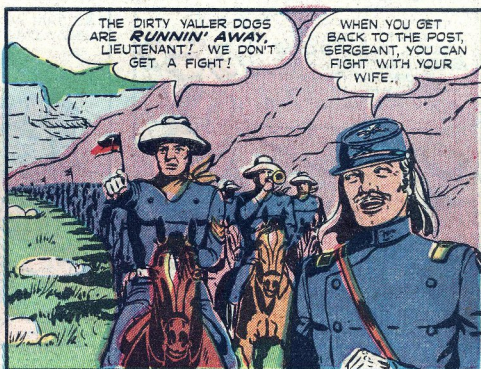
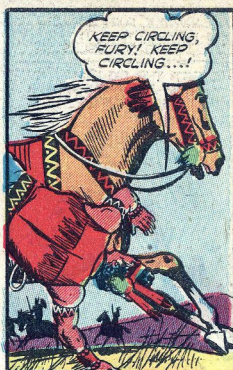


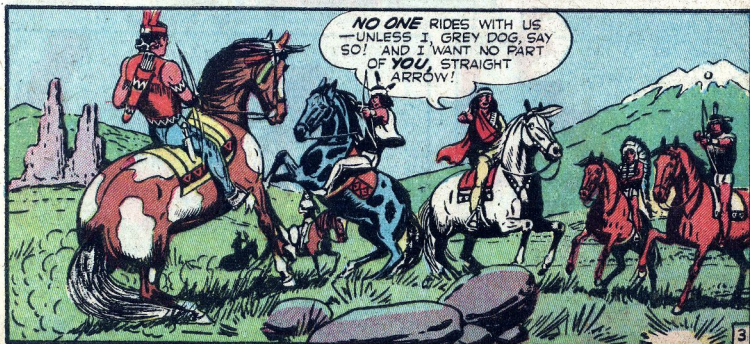
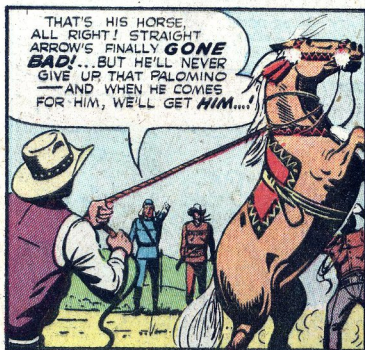
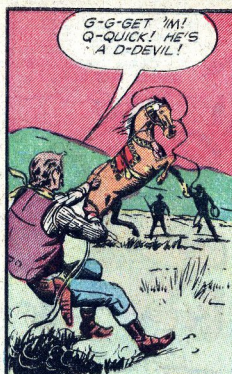
WHAT IDIOTS ARE
THOSE WHO BREAK
THE TREATY PEACE?
... COME, FURY—
RUN...!



**STRAIGHT
ARROW!...**
JOINING US...

IF I CAN LOCATE
THEIR CHIEF, PERHAPS
I CAN REASON
WITH HIM...!







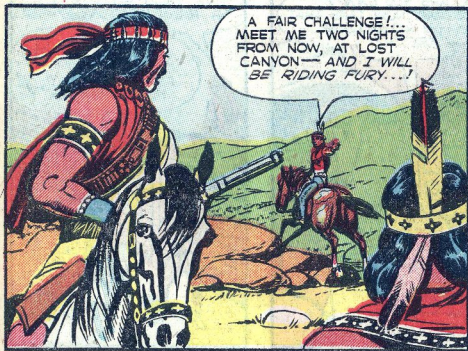
NOR I OF YOU, THIN COWARD! WHY DID YOU FLEE AN EASY VICTORY? DID A HANDFUL OF CAVALRY FRIGHTEN YOU?



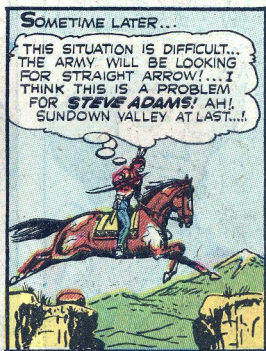
WHY FOLLOW A GUTLESS LEADER LIKE THIS WELL-NAMED GREY DOG? YOU WILL END UP POOR — OR HANGED! LET ME BE YOUR CHIEF...!



DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! HE HAS EVEN LOST HIS HORSE! LOST THE FAMOUS FURY! WHAT KIND OF CHIEF WOULD HE MAKE?



A FAIR CHALLENGE!... MEET ME TWO NIGHTS FROM NOW, AT LOST CANYON — AND I WILL BE RIDING FURY...!



SOMETIME LATER...

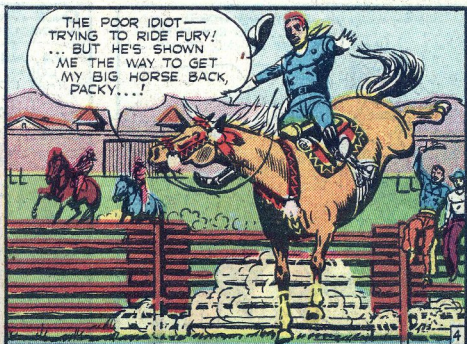
THIS SITUATION IS DIFFICULT... THE ARMY WILL BE LOOKING FOR STRAIGHT ARROW!... I THINK THIS IS A PROBLEM FOR STEVE ADAMS! AH! SUNDOWN VALLEY AT LAST...!



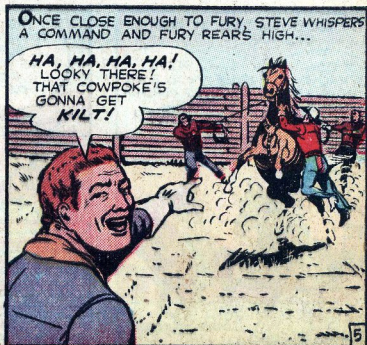
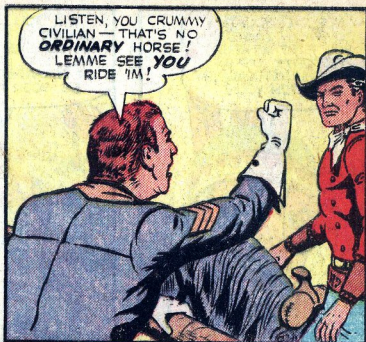
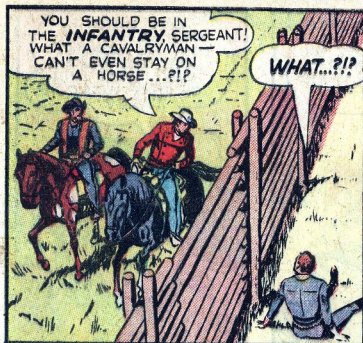
THE FOLLOWING DAY... AT FORT DESPAIR...

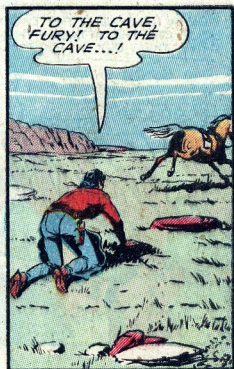
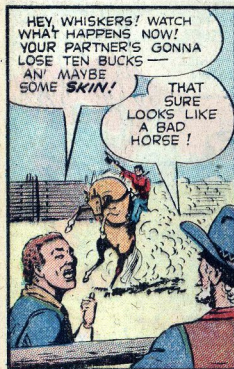
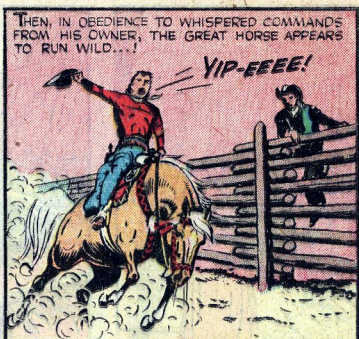
I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M GOING TO WORK THIS, PACKY...

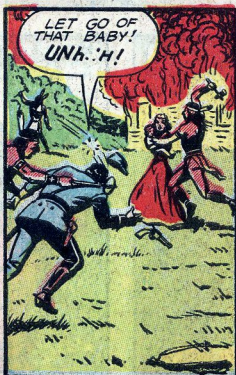
WAL, STEVE, ONE PROBLEM'S SOLVED ALREADY — THAR'S FURY NOW!

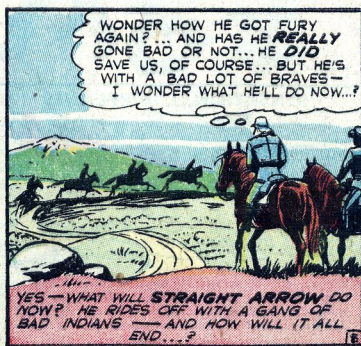
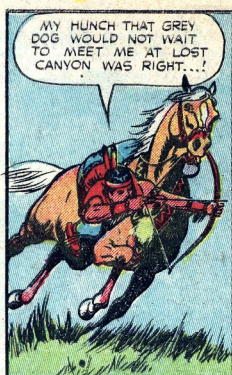
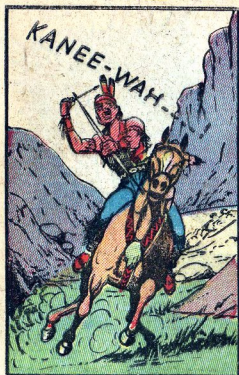


THE POOR IDIOT — TRYING TO RIDE FURY! ... BUT HE'S SHOWN ME THE WAY TO GET MY BIG HORSE BACK, PACKY...!









STRAIGHT
ARROW! HE
MUST DIE...!

MY HUNCH THAT GREY
DOG WOULD NOT WAIT
TO MEET ME AT LOST
CANYON WAS RIGHT...!

STRAIGHT ARROW HAS MET
THE CHALLENGE, GREY DOG —
HE HAS RETAKEN FURY. NOW
WE FOLLOW HIM.

"FOLLOW HIM...
NOW?"... BUT...?

I WAS NOT THEIR
LEADER AT THE WAGON
TRAIN, LIEUTENANT...
A MAN NAMED PACKY
MCLOUD WILL
EXPLAIN, SIR — I
HAVE TOLD MY
STORY TO HIM...!

GREY DOG IS YOUR PRISONER,
LIEUTENANT... HIS FOLLOWERS WILL
NAME ME CHIEF NOW — AND I
WILL DO MY BEST TO LEAD
THEM WELL!

WONDER HOW HE GOT FURY
AGAIN? ... AND HAS HE **REALLY**
GONE BAD OR NOT... HE **DID**
SAVE US, OF COURSE... BUT HE'S
WITH A BAD LOT OF BRAVES —
I WONDER WHAT HE'LL DO NOW...?

YES — WHAT WILL **STRAIGHT ARROW**
DO NOW? HE RIDES OFF WITH A GANG OF
BAD INDIANS — AND HOW WILL IT ALL
END...?

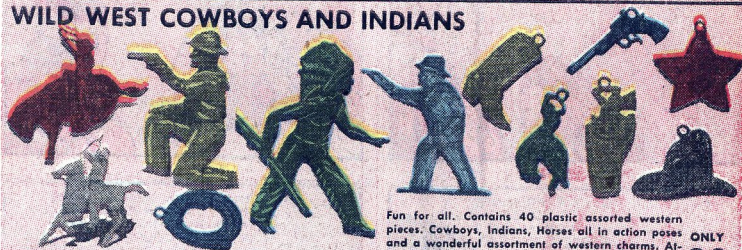
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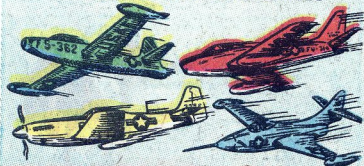
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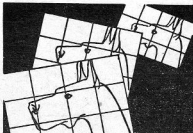
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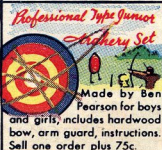
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